

I am horrified to find out that Sinclair Broadcasting will soon consolidate television networks in the same way that Clear Channel consolidated the radio. The result reminds one of Soviet Russia's control of news and media in the 1950s and 1960s.

By deciding which content is/is not suitable for viewer's consumption, Sinclair restricts the exchange of free ideas and points of view, undermining the very nature of a Democratic society. Moreover, the undermining has already begun in the worst way.

I refer to Sinclair's recent decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. This decision, just days before the election, is a clearly partisan effort to unfairly sway the voters by misrepresenting Senator Kerry.

What is going on here? Is this still America?

As far I understand it, Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I fail to see how their recent decision to air the anti-Kerry film will serve the public interest UNLESS they choose to show a pro-Kerry film, Going Upriver. In place of Going Upriver, I would accept an airing of Fahrenheit 9/11 by Michael Moore. Otherwise, I scream, FOUL!

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